

Traffic Advisory Committee Public Hearing--Minutes for Thursday, February 2, 2006.

In attendance: M.J. Frisoli, A. Masciari, T. Turner, T. Olson, P. Curro.

Absent: L. Nickens, T. Riley.

Also attending; G. Clancy, Sgt. Hamilton, ca. twenty-five Belmont residents.

7:04 p.m. Meeting called to order.

(7:04 p.m.) Public Hearing--Beatrice Circle Roadway configuration. MF explained to the residents attending the hearing the process guiding the TAC deliberation regarding the request made by several residents to alter the right-of-way at Beatrice Circle. One of those residents, Mr. O'Toole, made the case to those in attendance for creating a cul-de-sac by blocking the western-most end of Beatrice Circle intersection with the "Access Road". Sgt. Hamilton distributed copies of the data detailing the number of vehicles traveling on Beatrice Crl. over the period January 27 through February 2, 2006, broken down on an hourly basis. He reported that the day on which traffic volumes were highest (150 per 24 hr. period) was Saturday, although the volume varied only slightly (ranging between 112-150).

Several residents inquired as to the potential problems such a configuration might create. Such concerns included emergency vehicle access, school bus, snow plows, etc. Numerous residents spoke in favor or against the proposal, with the great majority expressing opposition. One suggestion offered was to focus on noise abatement along the entire Rt. 2 right-of-way.

The TAC discussed the merits of the petition briefly. TO moved that the petitioner's request be denied (AM 2nd). The motion passed 4-0.

(7:49 p.m.) MF reported that she met with the Belmont Center Planning Committee. They asked for the BSC designs for Belmont Center that were completed in the early 1990's.

(8:07 p.m.) GC asked TAC to invite the consultant from VHB in charge of Pavement Management to report on plans for resurfacing projects for the upcoming season. He mentioned the School/Washington area, which has been identified by the Intersection Improvement Subcommittee as the top priority for the town. Sgt. Hamilton said that he would order a traffic volume analysis for that intersection.

(8:17 p.m.) Administrative matters. Minutes for December 2005 and January 2006 were reviewed for approval. AM moved to accept the minutes (TO 2nd).

Meeting Adjourned 8:31 p.m.